

MILLIKEN ASKING MORE FOR SCHOOLS, WELFARE

Budget
Has No
Surprises

State Spending
Will Exceed
\$2 Billion

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Record spending levels of more than \$1 billion for education and nearly \$600 million for welfare highlight Gov. William Milliken's \$2.27-billion budget proposal for the fiscal year starting July 1.

"There's very little that's really new," executive budget advisor John Dempsey said of the proposed 11 per cent, \$223 million increase over current levels. "We took a rigorous approach," he added.

No new taxes are proposed in the fiscal year, although Milliken is pushing a 2-cent per gallon increase in the state gasoline tax for roadbuilding and establishment of an urban transportation fund.

The budget anticipates a surplus of \$11.7 million at the end of the fiscal year in mid-1973, based on state revenue estimates.

Details of the budget were given to legislators by the governor's office today. Milliken, vacationing in the Virgin Islands this week, revealed the budget total last Thursday in his State of the State message.

He promised to present details this week, the earliest such outline by a Michigan chief executive in many years, and at the same time urged the legislature to set deadlines for its own work.

This year's budget was not fully adopted until 5½ months into the fiscal year.

The proposals for school aid, higher education and the De-

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Memorial
Fund Is
\$8,010

NEW BUFFALO — New Buffalo Savings and Loan association reported this morning that the memorial fund for two slain state troopers totaled \$8,010.

Troopers Gary Ramps and Charles Starke were shot early Dec. 31 after they stopped a car for what was apparently a routine traffic violation.

The fund is to be divided between the families of the men. Each was married and had two children.

Governor's Budget Highlights

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Here in brief are highlights of Gov. William Milliken's general fund budget for 1972-73:

CURRENT YEAR
Estimated revenues \$2,280.6 billion, estimated expenditures \$2,268.9 billion. Estimated surplus June 30, 1973 \$11.7 million.

Estimated surplus June 30 \$1 million.

NEXT FISCAL YEAR
Estimated revenues \$2,280.6 billion, proposed expenditures \$2,268.9 billion. Estimated surplus June 30, 1973 \$11.7 million.

TAXES
No new taxes proposed in

new fiscal year, although Milliken still wants 2-cent per gallon increase in state gasoline tax before then to finance road-building and establishment of fund for urban transportation.

SPENDING INCREASES

Largest hikes proposed in welfare, \$75.3 million; higher education, \$42.9 million; school aid fund grants \$37.6 million.

NEW PROGRAMS
Matching funds for fed-

eral crime control grants \$4.3 million; regional planning and development grants, \$750,000; Council for the Arts, \$170,000; automated corrections treatment record \$150,000; Commerce department regulatory staff \$150,000; drug and sex offender treatment \$85,000; environmental impact reviews \$75,000; inmate benefit fund \$75,000; women's commission office \$45,000.

Zollar Seeks Snowmobile Law Opinion

Operators Protest Double Standard In Act

By JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

LANSING — An attorney general's opinion is being sought by State Sen. Charles Zollar, Benton Harbor, on the constitutionality of a provision of the new state snowmobile law that sets a different standard for southern and northern Michigan.

Zollar also said Tuesday that state police officials and southwestern Michigan sheriffs have agreed to slack off on issuing tickets to snowmobilers for driving on the off-pavement portion of road rights of way, until the opinion is received.

He said several hundred snowmobilers in southwestern Michigan have protested to him about an alleged discrimination in the law, and about tickets being issued for violation of this disputed point.

The snowmobile act, which went into effect Jan. 1, prohibits operating the machines on road rights of way, except to cross at right angles, in Zone 3 of the state. Zone 3 generally is the area south of a line running from Muskegon to Bay City. North of that line, however, the law permits running the power sleds on the off-pavement right of way.

Sen. Zollar said he also is having an amendment to the act prepared that would make the use of rights of way uniform for the entire state. His amendment, would permit the snow machines to run in all parts of the state.

The Benton Harbor legisla-

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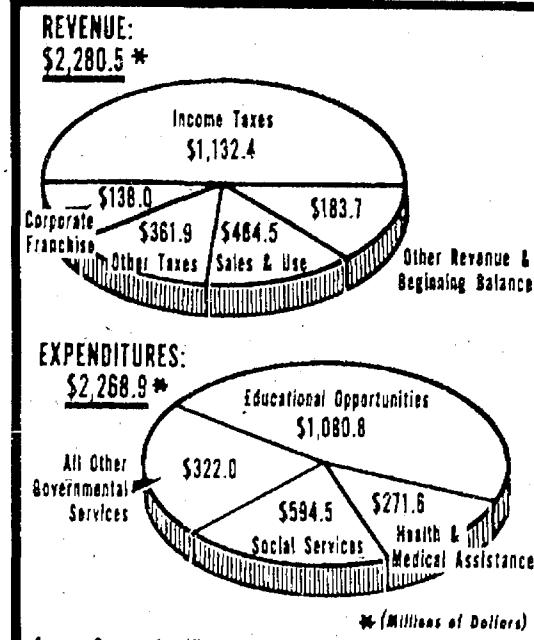
The text of the new Michigan snowmobile act as it pertains to southern Michigan is contained in another article on Page 18 of today's paper.

less forceful in enforcing this particular phase of the snowmobile act until the attorney general's opinion is received.

According to Zollar, some 450 snowmobilers protested to him at a meeting at Cassopolis last week, and about another 150 had much the same complaints at a meeting he attended last Friday night at Sister Lakes.

Judging from the complaints, Zollar suggested the state police probably were more aggressive in enforcing the snowmobile act than were the sheriff departments in his southwestern Michigan district.

He emphasized that the law prohibits driving snowmobiles on public road pavement, except to cross at right angles and in certain emergency situations, and he said he has no quarrel with that provision.



MICHIGAN PIE: Pie-shaped charts outline proposed expenditures and revenue sources in Gov. William Milliken's budget for the state of Michigan for the fiscal year starting July 1. All amounts are shown in millions of dollars. (AP Wirephoto)

Women's Lib Drive Comes To A 'Head'

WASHINGTON (AP) — In order to knock down the doors of sex discrimination aboard ship, the Coast Guard says, women should share men's heads.

Heads in this case are shipboard bathroom facilities, and the Coast Guard is proposing to eliminate segregated heads aboard American-flag merchant ships to get rid of one barrier to equal employment opportunities for women crew members.

Current regulations require male and female crew members to have separate toilet and washroom facilities, but the Coast Guard is accepting comments during the next month on its proposed change and will issue its ruling in mid-March. The National Maritime Union

says some ship owners use the head rule to hire primarily all-male crews, complaining their vessels have no space for separate women's facilities.

The demise of several huge passenger ships has left many women unemployed who now are seeking jobs as stewards or in kitchens aboard freighters and tankers.

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SCHEME CALLED 'HAREBRAINED'

Poison Plot Is Charged

CHICAGO (AP) — An alleged plot to poison city water supplies was a "harebrained scheme" that could not have worked, says James J. Jardine, Chicago water and sewage commissioner.

Two men, both city college students, were charged Tuesday with conspiracy to commit murder by introducing typhoid germs into the Chicago's supply of drinking water.

Jardine said any attempt to poison the water supply was bound to fail. Chlorine added continuously to the one billion gallons of water pumped daily

to Chicago would have destroyed the typhoid bacteria, he said. Security police also guard the two water filtration plants round the clock.

Held in Cook County jail today on \$250,000 bond each were Steve Pera, 18, a former hospital worker from Evanston, Ill., and Allen Schwander, 19, of Chicago.

Chicago police arrested the men at midnight Monday in Schwander's North Side apartment. State's Atty. Edward V. Hanahan of Cook County said in a statement that a week-long in-

vestigation disclosed that the two men had formed an organization called "RISE" through which they allegedly planned to poison the area's water supply.

He said members of RISE allegedly were to be inoculated against the water poisoning "to from the basis of a new master race."

The two students appeared before Judge Robert J. Sulski in Circuit Court. Jack Schmetter, an assistant states attorney, told Sulski that among the apartment were substances tentatively identified as typhoid micro-organisms.

He charged the typhoid cul-

ture was apparently prepared by Pera in a laboratory at Mayfair City College, where a quantity of the deadly germ was found.

A spokesman at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital said Pera worked there as a volunteer but was ordered off the premises earlier this month when it was learned he attempted to obtain unauthorized chemicals.

The spokesman said Pera also grew unauthorized bacterial cultures in the hospital before he was dismissed and that those cultures were destroyed.

Number 3 Of A Series

EDITOR'S NOTE: A number of factors have contributed to rising welfare costs, but few have done more to add to the rolls than the two organizations profiled in this third article by the AP Special Assignment Team on the welfare crisis.

program's first director and now dean of Washington's Catholic University Law School, recalled in an interview:

"Our role was something more than just to see that a person who could not afford a lawyer had a lawyer. A (poverty) lawyer's role was to use the system of laws and administrative agencies and the courts and the Constitution to improve the condition of people who were in poverty."

Despite its militance, NWRO has attracted almost no national criticism.

Legal Services is another matter. Its activities have made it the most controversial of all the antipoverty programs. As a result, the administration is attempting to get passage of a bill to set up an independent corporation to run the program.

Opposition to the program was summed up by William Mallory, city manager of Belle Glade, Fla., where Legal Services has hauled the city into court 40 times. "We don't feel Legal Services is even attempting to represent the poor," said Mallory. "They're more interested in promoting social re-

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CHARGED IN ALLEGED PLOT: Steven Pera, left, 18, and Allen O. Schwander, 19, were charged in Chicago Tuesday with conspiracy to commit murder in what the state's attorney said was a plot to poison water supplies in the Midwest with typhoid and other deadly bacteria. (AP Wirephoto)



FUN FOR EVERYONE: The snow was fresh, the air a nippy 10 degrees in midweek when Lisa Brownell, 7 and her sister, Diane, 5, were playing near their home at 908 Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph, and were joined by a playful beagle pup. He was running circles around the two girls when he tired and Lisa caught the little fellow in her arms, and Diane gave the dog an affectionate pat. (Staff photo by Dick Derrich)

Two Groups Spur Rush To Welfare

Lawyers Paid By U.S. And Recipients

By AUSTIN SCOTT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The welfare explosion of the past six years might never have happened had not two different movements joined forces and begun to work together.

One started five years ago as an idea among a handful of welfare recipients, and grew into the National Welfare Rights Organization. Today NWRO claims more than 700 chapters and 125,000 members, all of them on welfare.

The other movement was an offshoot of the federal government's War on Poverty. This is the Neighborhood Legal Services program, established to provide legal aid for the poor, and funded by the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity. Young activist lawyers eager to challenge the Establishment flocked to the program, and the federal government soon found itself paying the freight for lawsuits against itself and the rolls.

Working together, NWRO and Legal Services attacked the welfare system in the streets and courts. The growing statistics of the welfare crisis are evidence enough of their success in opening the rolls to thousands. After a brief downturn, the figures are heading upward again: \$10 billion spent in the last year on 14.3 million recipients, twice the people and three times the expenditures of 1960.

NWRO's members have "marched, sat-in, waited-in, laid-in, kicked-in, lobbied, lobbied and politicized in their five-year quest for adequate income, dignity, justice, and an opportunity to participate in making policy decisions that affect their lives," said Dr. George Wiley, the organization's first and only executive director.

The NWRO members, most of them welfare mothers with little formal education, have done more than demonstrate. Making themselves experts on the complexities of welfare

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Editorial Page

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Mass Transit's Economic Iceberg

In the urban experts' general agreement that present transportation methods are a major contributor to the inner city's ills, there is wide disparity on the cure.

With strong emphasis on Detroit and a diminished accent on Grand Rapids, Governor Milliken is contending with the legislature on one approach.

He is asking for a two-cent increase in the gasoline tax, 30 per cent of which would be earmarked for a mass transit system in the Detroit metropolitan area. The first step in that direction would be purchasing the ramshackle Detroit Street Railway which in common with most urban transit units is heading to the point of no return.

The \$30 million or so a year which this earmarking should develop is merely a starter on a master system which no one is certain would cost other than to guess out the capital investment in the billion range.

A faculty member in Michigan State's Business Administration School recently published a pamphlet arguing that mass transit plans of the nature urged by the Governor take aim at a target which may be non-existent.

The trend among suburbs, he contends, is working away from being satellites of the large city and becoming economic units independent in their own right.

A mass transit system from suburb to inner city, he says, is a white elephant because the demand for that extended travel is falling. Where the mass transit is needed, he continues,

German Realities

Dragging concessions from East Germany to meet the outline agreed to in September in Berlin by representatives of the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France has been a process which measures progress in inches.

That progress has come at all is due to the patience of the West Germans and constant prodding of the East German regime by the Kremlin.

The intra German accords on Berlin have realistically been described by West Berlin mayor Klaus Schutte as "imperfect in comparison to the ideal, satisfactory in view of the realities."

The communists cannot deny, that East Germany still does not want a free exchange between the two halves of the divided country, because its leaders know their half still compares unfavorably with the West.

Thus, the agreements which have been slow to come are heavily weighted with bureaucratic detail and reminders that the wall still exists.

Even so, if the provisions of the agreements are honored, it will be the first time in nearly six years that West Berliners may travel to East Berlin, and the first time in nearly two decades that they may go on to other parts of East Germany.

That is far from the ideal arrangement, but when relatives and friends have been forcibly separated for so long a period, they may accept a few realities just to see one another again.

Transferred to a map of the United States, the 1,500-mile Great Wall of China would reach south and westward from Washington, D. C., past Chattanooga and Memphis, Tennessee, and Shreveport, Louisiana, and all the way across Texas into Mexico, the National Geographic Society says.

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Off And Running



GLANCING BACKWARDS

COLD AIR KEEPS
SNOW 'FLUFFY'

1 Year Ago

Near zero temperatures beside the big lake and readings as low as 10 below inland are being credited with saving Southwestern Michigan from what might have become a nasty snow storm last night.

Weather observers explain that the extreme cold kept the snow, upwards of a foot of it, in some localities, light and fluffy, easily moved aside for traffic.

GLENN'S ORBIT
SHOT SET BACK

10 Years Ago

The attempt to launch astronaut John H. Glenn Jr. into round-the-world orbit has been postponed one day, until Jan. 24, because of a faulty valve in a unit designed to cool Glenn's space suit.

Reliable sources reported the delay. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has not announced a specific date for the launching and had no comment on the report.

Soviet
Plant Sets
Record

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Russians say it has three times the rated capacity of America's Grand Coulee Dam, making it the biggest hydroelectric plant in the world.

Amid such fanfare, the Soviet Union recently announced completion of the final unit of the giant six-million-kilowatt complex in Siberia near Krasnoyarsk.

Completion of the plant marked a giant step in Soviet attempts to harness the power of the Siberian rivers.

The Soviet manufacturing centers located in the densely populated western regions in European Russia are experiencing a mounting shortage of energy. Most of the Soviet Union's fuel and energy resources are concentrated in the sparsely settled regions of Siberia.

Huge hydroelectric plants are being built in eastern Siberia to produce cheap power for aluminum producers and other industries that draw heavily on energy. The region is being converted into a virtual powerhouse of the Soviet Union.

Surplus electric power that is generated in Siberia will be transmitted by overland lines to the manufacturing centers in European Russia.

Soviet engineers are now reported busy designing transmission lines which would be able to move large blocks of electricity over long distances.

The Krasnoyarsk station was completed with the installation of the last of 12 half-million-kilowatt generators, the building trade organ

Stroitelnaya Gavzela (Construction Gazette) reported.

FIERCE FIGHT
AT SINGAPORE

30 Years Ago

With the Japanese still advancing, Malaya's steaming jungle land, which the British had looked upon as a sort of natural Maginot line for Singapore, has taken its place as another outworn defensive concept and the battle for Singapore today became purely a test of fighting men and their weapons.

Some of the fiercest hand-to-hand combat in the history of war was in store, if not already in progress, along the narrowing, fluid line of defense in Johore state, well within 100 miles of the pivotal naval base which the British call their Gibraltar of the Orient.

WANTS CLEAN-UP

40 Years Ago

Dora B. Whitney of Benton Harbor, president of the Michigan WCTU, said last night at a church meeting in Detroit that Detroit is one of the

PURCHASES BUSINESS

80 Years Ago

John Duncan has purchased the grocery business of King and Cooper. Mr. King will remain in Mr. Duncan's employ.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:READER TAKES PRIDE
IN HER COUNTRY

"Breathes there a man, with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said,

"This is my own, my native land?"

So asks Sir Walter Scott.

Apparently some such men do breathe, for they're calling patriotic Americans, "Chauvinists," with increasing frequency. A chauvinist supposedly has exaggerated patriotism and too much love for his country. An acquaintance derided me as a chauvinist when I expressed my

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

TO A CERTAIN SOUR CRITIC

There's one certain guy, a great critic of mine, I've heard from him recently, after quite some time, His name is well known, all over our town. And he's quite an expert at running folks down.

When writing about others, he don't say anything good, And I'm beginning to have serious doubts if he could. His sarcasm is witty, that is, of course, if you have a strong stomach, and consider the source.

A while back he ran down some good friends of mine, So I said, "Now see here, bud; just hold that line," I asked for proof, what did he do then? . . . Well, Just like a big tortoise, he crawled into his shell.

You really shouldn't run folks down in that way, If you don't have the facts to back up what you say.

Now I'll admit my writing is far short of perfection, But any sarcasm of his will cause me no dejection, For having this guy run me down, I believe Is the best compliment I could ever receive.

For I learned long ago, and there's no mistake, A man often is judged by the enemies he'll make, So, here's to the critic who tries to drive me to hysteria, I sure wish I could send this guy straight to Siberia!

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Muskie Stock Up

In N. Hampshire



MANCHESTER, N.H. (NEA) — Sen. Edmund Muskie's stock has gone up in New Hampshire since his state organizers made a smashing success here of his first important political rally of the election year.

Muskie's people — rustlers drummed out a rally crowd which some seasoned onlookers think was three times as big as reasonable expectations. On a near-zero evening, many hundreds (some say 2,000) wedged into a steamy hotel ballroom to hear neighbor Ed from Maine.

One veteran Democratic professional says:

"I was just flabbergasted by that turnout. If I were a Muskie manager, I wouldn't have dared to try what they did that night."

The argument is that New Hampshire voters, having already looked at a parade of Democrats in 1971, are supposed to be jaded and hard to get out and turn on.

The skin-to-skin crowd, heavily on the young side, was indeed "on" at the rally. Muskie, down to his gaily striped shirt and wearing green and red confetti in his hair, had his listeners in his palm for a good while. Then he talked too long, and the glow of the occasion faded some.

But the rally, in fact Muskie's whole opening day on the road, goes down as a huge plus.

Until now, the detached

professionals have been skeptical. They have been saying his New Hampshire organization was good but untested. They wondered whether he might not be waiting unnecessarily long (mid-February) to measure his workers' ability to canvass voters and identify his potential supporters for the March 7 primary. They have to be found before they can be fired up and spurred to vote.

Polls, of course, have given Muskie a crushing advantage. The question had to be whether that could be translated into votes. My sources now think the answer is yes, that the rally success means the vital canvassing almost surely will go well.

This is not, however, the full range of the senator's difficulties in New Hampshire.

He has pesky Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles to worry about.

Since the mayor isn't making any headway as a presidential prospect anywhere else, it ought to be easy to undercut his credibility as a candidate in the New Hampshire test. But it isn't. Says one pro:

"We operate in 'Alice in Wonderland' here. Arguments that work against candidates in other places may not in New Hampshire."

"Yorty is (Manchester publisher) William Loeb's candidate, and Loeb is good at selling his 'creations' to our voters."

HHH 2nd Choice



Of Teddy Boys

WASHINGTON — The vast majority of Democrats who say they really like Sen. Edward Kennedy pick Sen. Hubert Humphrey as their second choice for Presidential nominee.

This rather startling development is the major reason Sen. Humphrey suddenly looms as the one Democrat who may have a good chance of stopping the bandwagon of Sen. Edmund Muskie.

The crucial test comes in Florida on March 14, which will be the first popularity contest in which all the major Democratic candidates are competing. When Kennedy officially pulled out of that primary last week, a substantial plurality of his voters shifted to Humphrey.

Two recent national polls, one taken by Lou Harris and a second by Humphrey supporters, indicate that Sen. Muskie will attract only half as many Kennedy voters as Humphrey.

Sen. Henry Jackson and Kennedy's fellow liberals, Mayor John Lindsay and Sen. George McGovern, split the remainder with a tiny fraction of the vote apiece. The pattern holds true in Florida as well as nationally.

Humphrey's Kennedy support, combined with the strong showing in the Florida polls of Gov. George Wallace, has alarmed Muskie. If he loses in

Florida, Muskie is not finished, but he is certainly hurt. Hence Muskie has begun trying to downplay the importance of the Florida outcome in his press statements and public comments. And he has stepped up pressure on politicians, labor leaders and public figures around the country to join his team before the Florida primary.

Who are those Kennedy voters that find Lyndon Johnson's former whipping boy more appealing than the Lincolnesque Muskie or the Kennedy-style liberals? His fans tend to be mostly residents of the East Coast, are under 30, have less than a ninth-grade education, earn less than \$10,000 a year, are catholic, black or belong to a union family.

A recent Humphrey poll broke down the Kennedy voters in Florida. Sixty per cent of those Kennedy voters that belonged to union families preferred Humphrey as second choice. That appears to reflect Humphrey's long association with labor causes.

Kennedy voters who are Catholic split almost evenly between Humphrey and Muskie, indicating that religion is no longer the influential factor that it was in the 1960 election. Muskie, like the Kennedys, is Catholic; Humphrey is Protestant.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Dr. Waldheim, I heard you're looking for money and just want to tell you—lots of times you can find some that has dropped out of people's pockets in parking lots!"

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Citizens' Ideas On Remap Sought



WILL DIVIDE UP COUNTY: Five-man Berrien county apportionment commission starts job of dividing county into anywhere from 5 to 21 districts to meet edict of one-man, one vote in electing county board of commissioners. They are, from left: William G. Heyn, county treasurer; James Keller, New Buffalo;

county Democratic chairman; Ronald Taylor, county prosecutor, chairman; Forrest (Hank) Kesterke, county clerk, secretary, and F. A. (Mike) Jones, Benton Harbor, county Republican chairman. (Staff photo).

Berrien Springs Sewage Project Only Step Away

A three-quarter-million-dollar expansion of the sewage treatment plant in the Village of Berrien Springs awaits only a signing of contracts by the Berrien county board of public works (BPW) in order to begin.

BPW members were told in special session Tuesday that the federal-state share of the \$768,800 expansion has been

increased and that construction contracts between the BPW and contractor should be ready for signing at the next board meeting Jan. 26.

Thomas Sinn, county planning director, reported the state-federal grant has been boosted \$61,632 to a grand total of \$492,032 or 64 per cent of the project. The balance of the estimated project cost is

to be covered by a \$310,000 bond issue.

The state-federal share was upped, Sinn reported, to cover higher-than-expected construction bids.

The contractor, Knapp Construction Co. of Rochester, Ind., would start within 10 days of contract signing, BPW members were told.

Cleon Reitz, a village representative, described the job as the addition of secondary treatment and phosphate removal to the village's six-year-old primary treatment plant.

Although the BPW has received no official answer to its Dec. 22 request to county commissioners for a permanent legal counsel, Sinn reported Tuesday he has been informed the Berrien prosecutor's office will assign coun-

sel Joseph, has been stalled at 15 per cent completion since the contractor walked off the job April 9, 1971, in a dispute with

the county and county engineers. Negotiations between the two sides are known to be underway, however.

Report Fire Victim Was Heavy Smoker

Investigation continued today into the cause of the \$75,000 fire Tuesday morning that claimed the life of a laborer on the Lowell Jasper farm in Lincoln township.

Berrien county sheriff's police said they learned the victim, Carter Collins, Jr., was a heavy smoker. The possibility that he may have fallen asleep while smoking was being explored, police reported.

Collins was found dead inside a cabin on the farm where he lived.

Destroyed in the blaze was the victim's residence, a large barn loaded with implements, a garage, and another cabin.

Meanwhile, Lowell Jasper said the blaze probably spread rapidly because the buildings were close together. He said the garage was only about 10-feet from Collins cabin and the barn about 20 to 24-feet away.

"We are in the process of taking inventory to find out just what was lost," Jasper said. He added he did not think the loss would exceed \$75,000.



KINDA LONESOME: New Buffalo city council chambers were almost empty last night for the regular council meeting. Seated alone at the council table are Councilman Alvin Schroeter and City Clerk Joan Weishaupl. The other four councilmen were recalled during a special election Jan. 10. No city business can be conducted by the council until the vacancies are filled either by governor's appointment or at the March 13 regular election. (Don Wehner photo)

Berrien Commission Sets Three Public Hearings

By JERRY KRIEGER

County-Farm Editor

The Berrien County Apportionment commission last night invited all interested residents of the county to devise and submit plans for dividing the county into new county commissioner districts.

The five-man unit, with a March 6 deadline to meet, set dates for three public hearings in early February at which interested parties may offer plans for partitioning the county into anywhere from five to 21 districts of virtually equal population.

These hearings are set for Feb. 1 at New Buffalo township hall, Feb. 3 at Niles city hall, and Feb. 8 at Benton township hall. Each session will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The commission, at its first official meeting last night at the courthouse in St. Joseph, already has one reapportionment plan on hand, submitted by an unidentified county commissioner. Prosecutor Ronald Taylor, who is chairman of the apportionment commission, said he hopes a number of remapping plans will be submitted so the commission can make the best possible choice. The commission is charged with dividing the county into anywhere from five to 21 districts of equal population, from which members of the county governing body will be elected.

The county's official 1970 census figure on which the redistricting will be based is 163,875 persons.

Members of the commission, designated by law by the positions they hold, are: Prosecuting Attorney Taylor; County Clerk Forrest Kesterke; County Treasurer William C. Heyn; James Keller, New Buffalo, county Democratic party chairman, and F. A. (Mike) Jones, county Republican party chairman.

Commission members announced a set of criteria which any acceptable plan must meet.

1. All districts must be as nearly equal in population as possible. Commission members last night said a variation of 5 per cent above or below the average population figure per district probably would meet any legal test of the one-man, one vote requirement of the courts.

2. Districts should follow township and municipal lines wherever possible.

3. Districts should be as geographically square as possible.

4. Districts should not divide precincts, if possible.

5. All parts of a district must be contiguous.

Census figures and all other information necessary to draw up a redistricting plan are available upon request at the county clerk's office in the courthouse.

The apportionment commissioners were careful to avoid indicating a preference for any certain number of districts, suggesting that figure probably would fall into place best when the actual job of drafting districting maps is undertaken.

The current board of county commissioners has not made any official recommendation on the number of districts it would like to see, although several members individually have suggested variously from about 14 to a maximum allowable of 21. The executive committee of the Berrien county Republican party last summer went on record as favoring 21 districts.

Several members of the apportionment unit urged Chairman Taylor to invite government classes at Lake Michigan college, Andrews University and all high schools in the county to devise reapportionment plans and submit

them, as practical class projects for the new 18-21 year old voters.

Commission Member F. A. Jones offered what he said was a list of the population averages per district for the entire range from 21 down to 5 districts.

These were his averages: 21 districts, 8,197; 19 districts,

8,628; 18 districts, 9,108; 17 districts, 9,647; 16 districts,

10,246; 15 districts, 10,929; 14 districts, 11,710; 13 districts,

12,611; 12 districts, 13,662; 11 districts, 14,904; 10 districts,

16,394; 9 districts, 18,216; 8 districts, 20,492; 7 districts,

23,420; 6 districts, 27,323; 5 districts, 32,788.

Coloma Township Advised To Trim Business Zoning



BOYD WIGGINS

COLOMA — Coloma township has too much land zoned commercial and industrial, the township's zoning board has been told by a state zoning specialist.

Boyd Wiggins, district resource director with the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, earlier this week addressed the zoning board which is doing an extensive revision of the zoning ordinance.

Wiggins works out of the MSU Extension Office in Marshall and concentrates on 20 counties in southwestern Michigan.

"Small rural areas, like Coloma township, haven't anything to offer to lure either commercial firms or industry into the large area now zoned for them," said Wiggins, calling the township "a bedroom community where people live but work elsewhere".

"Industry doesn't look at an area and say they need us . . . instead they look for a plentiful labor supply and locate where their customers are close by", he said.

Suggestions made by Wiggins include reducing the amount of land now zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, amending instead of rewriting the present zoning ordinance and involving more citizens in changing the ordinance.

"By amending the ordinance, should the township board or the public turn it down you'll still have an ordinance to work under, but if you rewrite it . . . and it's defeated, you have no ordinance."

Wiggins also suggested that areas be zoned exclusively agricultural, commercial, residential, or industrial so as to prevent spot zoning in the guiding the township's growth.

Earlier this month, zoning board chairman John Steele recommended that all of the present township ordinances be revised, and received the full support of the board members.

The revision work is expected to take nearly a year to complete, and Steele felt it should be done now in anticipation of the new sewer system and the influx of people into the township.

The present ordinances have been in effect since Oct. 2, 1957.

Board assignments made by Steele, are:

Jim Friday and Walter Johnson, agricultural zones; Jack Collinson and Howard Walter, residential; and Claude Tacy and Steele, industrial and commercial areas.

JOHN STEELE

BUCHANAN TOWNSHIP Hall, Fire Station Addition Is Planned

BUCHANAN — Plans for an addition to the township building and fire station are to be presented to the Buchanan township board within the next 10 days.

Supervisor Ivan Price said the board is to meet with representatives of Barger engineering firm of St. Joseph to discuss the plans. The board did not receive the plans at last night's meeting as expected.

In other action, the board authorized a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Englewright advising them to contact the zoning board of appeals about a special use permit for a beauty shop in a residential area.